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<i>Art Unit:</i>	1732	}
<i>Invention:</i>	Method and Apparatus for in Mold Trimming	}
<i>Inventor:</i>	Gerald Hobson	}
<i>Filing Date:</i>	March 19, 2004	}
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patentably distinguishable over this patent.

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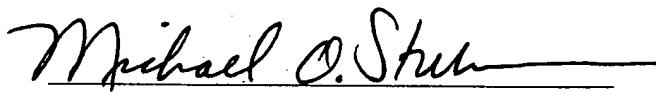
Applicant: **Gerald R. HOBSON**

For: **IMPROVED METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR IN MOLD  
TRIMMING**

Dear Sir:

In order to aid the Patent Office in examination of the above identified patent application, the following material information disclosure statement is submitted. The list of patents, publications, or other information is the closest material information I am aware of. Attached to the list is a copy of each item or each item's relevant parts, if available. This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better art exists.

Respectfully submitted,



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